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Situation Report

532 personnel are actively engaged in the response, working to protect wildlife and their habitats, including 36 national wildlife refuges. They are also assessing the damage from the oil spill in preparation for the work needed to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

In Louisiana, Tuesday marked the second day of a concerted effort to identify and locate booms washed ashore in marsh habitats. More than 100 sites in Terrebonne, Timbalier and Barataria Bays were noted to have sorbent and other boom in the marshes.

Also in Louisiana on Tuesday, 62 rehabilitated birds were released at the Louisiana Atchafalaya Wildlife Management Area. Species included roseate spoonbills, skimmers, gulls and terns.

Air operations above Louisiana reported a light sheen of oil near East Ship Island, several large patches of sheen in Terrebonne and Barataria Bays, and production well leaks in Barataria Bay, Biloxi Marsh and Terrebonne Bay. Oil was also seen leaking from a production facility near NE Timbalier Bay. In addition, strong leaks were noted from a dredge pipe working on the Chandeleur berm project, causing deep erosion in previously pumped sediment.

In Alabama, clean-up crews were still working on Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, where some new tar balls were observed at low tide. A turtle nest on the refuge was excavated; hatchlings will be released on Florida's East Coast.